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Subject: Support a 15\$/hour minimum wage

I am a working nurse in Burlington, Vermont and I am emailing to register my strong support for legislation to raise the minimum wage to 15\$/hour. As a community health nurse serving largely low income Medicaid beneficiaries, I work directly with Vermonters being paid less than 15\$/hour.

I visit these patients in their homes, and I can personally attest that less than 15\$ is not a liveable wage adequate to support a high quality of life that all Vermonters deserve—which includes having enough money to pay for healthy foods, needed medications, clothing appropriate for Vermont's winters, dental and vision care, public transportation etc. Moreover, as a result of their meager earnings, these patients rely on state funded assistance for food and other necessities of daily living, at significant cost to our already over-stretched state budget.

Hard working Vermonters deserve better. Our communities deserve better. And a better future for our state depends on livable wages for all.

Thank you, Jessica

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